

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 31

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 57, Eng. Acupuncture.

This measure would proclaim April 23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and would encourage all Californians to consider the use of acupuncture.

WHEREAS, Acupuncture has been used in Asian countries for thousands of years to preserve health; and

WHEREAS, Acupuncture is widely used to diagnose, treat, and prevent illness; and

WHEREAS, Acupuncture is a noninvasive, gentle, and proven health care system; and

WHEREAS, Acupuncture is recognized as a primary health care profession in California; and

WHEREAS, The potential benefits of acupuncture are widely recognized; and

WHEREAS, Acupuncture is steadily being integrated into mainstream health care; and

WHEREAS, More than 15,000,000 Americans have turned to acupuncture and Asian medicine since it was introduced in this country in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, There is more access to this medicine in California than any other state in the country; and

WHEREAS, California has the highest education standards for acupuncturists of any state in the country; and

WHEREAS, The risk of side effects from acupuncture are very low and the potential benefits are very high; and

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health has found that there are many health situations wherein the efficacy of acupuncture is indicated; and

WHEREAS, More and more Californians are finding help in this evidence-based and proven medical system; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of health care service plans and health insurers are recognizing the value of acupuncture to their enrollees and insureds; and

WHEREAS, Many Californians have come to rely on acupuncturists as their first choice of health care practitioners for low-risk, cost-effective, and reliable health care; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims April 23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and encourages all Californians to consider the use of acupuncture; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.